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## BANKS.

### NOTICE

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.  
2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.  
3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.  
4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.  
5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.  
6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.  
7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 1, 1888. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,00,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPs.....\$7,500,000  
PROPS.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—HOL. JOHN BELL-LEVING.  
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MANAGER  
Shanghai,...EWEN CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS—London and County  
Bank.

HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate  
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily  
balance.  
On Fixed Deposits—  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 25, 1888. 363

### Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 3 % or \$3.75 per Share for the Six Months ended 30th June, 1888, declared at To-day's Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting, will be payable at the Premises of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after TUESDAY, the 28th Instant, and SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for WARRANTS at the Company's Office, No. 14, Praya Central, Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 27, 1888. 1423

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the Company have  
This Day been REMOVED to 'Victoria Building,' No. 5 QUEEN'S ROAD,  
CENTRAL, Ground Floor.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1888. 1345

### Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

OLD OR BROKEN NOTES will be EXCHANGED for NEW ONES on application at the Offices of the Corporation.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 30, 1888. 1445

### Business Notices.

## GARDEN SEEDS.

SEASON 1888.

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**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.**

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR NEW STOCK OF

### VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS:

SUTTON'S SELECTED ENGLISH SEEDS.

HENDERSON'S TESTED NEW YORK SEEDS.

Orders should be sent in AT ONCE. Detailed Lists sent on application.

SUTTON'S CONCENTRATED MANURE.

BOOKS UPON GARDENING.

GARDEN TOOLS.

GARDEN GLOVES.

ENGLISH-MADE WATERING CANS.

And

LAWN MOWING MACHINES.

**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.**

Hongkong, August 20, 1888. 1387

**W. POWELL & Co.**

CONTINUATION OF THE GREAT SALE.

REMAINS STILL IN OFFER

2,000 yards of Wide Needleworks, 20 Cents per yard.

1,000 yards of Lace, at 4 Cents per yard.

Admitted to be the CHEAPEST LINES EVER OFFERED in Hongkong.

**W. POWELL & Co.**

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, August 31, 1888. 1411

**STAG HOTEL,**

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

J. COOK, Proprietor.

THE HOTEL IS CENTRALLY SITUATED AND WITHIN A FEW MINUTES' WALK FROM THE PRINCIPAL LANDINGS PLACES.

### GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE.

TIFFIN at 1 o'Clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINES, SPIRITS AND MALT LIQUORS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, April 1, 1887. 607

**victoria Hotel,**

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR CHINESE.

RESIDENTS in the Colony would materially aid the SENATE of the COLLEGE by forwarding to the ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

(1). Glass Jars (for museum purposes).  
(2). Illustrated Papers and Books for the Student's Reading Room and Library.

Address to JAMES CANTLIE,  
Hon. Sec. to the College.

Hongkong, July 13, 1888. 1446

**COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR CHINESE.**

WE HAVE ADMITTED MR. HARRY WILLIAM DICK & PARTNER IN OUR Firm in Hongkong.

W. HEWETT & Co.

Hongkong, August 27, 1888. 1422

### Notices of Firms.

#### NOTICE.

WE HAVE ADMITTED MR. HARRY WILLIAM DICK & PARTNER IN OUR Firm in Hongkong.

W. HEWETT & Co.

Hongkong, August 27, 1888. 1422

#### NOTICE.

WE HAVE ADMITTED MR. DAVID AARON GUBBAY & PARTNER IN OUR Firm in Hongkong and China from 1st January, 1888.

E. D. SASOON & Co.

Hongkong, August 28, 1888. 1430

#### NOTICE.

A. G. SMITH, D.D.S., WILL TAKE ENTIRE CHARGE OF THE DENTAL PRACTICE OF THE Undersigned during DR. KIMBALL'S temporary Absence, and is duly authorized to SIGN the Firm.

WINN & KIMBALL.

Hongkong, August 23, 1888. 1407

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E. D. SASOON & Co.

Hongkong, August 28, 1888. 1430

#### NOTICE.

SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 29, 1888. 1432

### Shipping.

#### Steamers.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

Bohemia

will leave for the above

places on or about the 5th September.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, August 27, 1888. 1427

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship

Arras

Captain J. G. O'NEILL,

will be despatched for the above

Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 5th

September, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 29, 1888. 1444

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship

Arras

Captain J. G. O'NEILL,

will be despatched for the above

Ports on THURSDAY, the 6th

September, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 29, 1888. 1444

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship

Iphigenia

## Mails.

## Mails.

## Occidental &amp; Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship *BELGIC* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 8th September, at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama, with steamers from Shanghai and Japan ports.

All parcel packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office, until 6 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—

To San Francisco, \$320.00  
To San Francisco and return, } 350.00

available for 6 months ... } 325.00

To Liverpool ..... 330.00

To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central, C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, August 18, 1888. 1376

## CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE, VIA THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY AND OTHER CONNECTING RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship *PARTHIA*, 3,167 Tons Register, WALLACE, Commander, will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B.C., and SAN FRANCISCO, via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 8th September, at 3 p.m.

To be followed by the S.S. *ABYSSINIA*, on the 4th October.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with steamers from Shanghai and Japan ports, and Vancouver with Pacific Coast ports, by the regular Steamers of the Pacific Coast STEAMSHIP COMPANY and other Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany, by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—

To San Francisco, \$320.00  
To San Francisco and return, } 350.00

available for 6 months ... } 325.00

To Liverpool ..... 330.00

To London ..... 330.00

To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Circular Invoices to accompany cargo destined to points in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the 7th September.

All parcels must be sent to our Office and should be marked to address in full; and the same will be received by us until 6 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 30, 1888. 1450

## Intimations.

## THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS DISCHARGING BOMBAY COTTON AND COTTON YARN AT THE KOWLOON WHARVES WILL HAVE FREE STORAGE for 14 days from arrival, after which a Rent of 3 CENTS per bale per month will be charged.

ISAAC HUGHES, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 7, 1887. 2148

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO., Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VISITATION'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.

RITCHIE'S LIQUID & OTHER COMPASSES, ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.

ENGLISH SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, CHRISTIE & CO.'S ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY

in great variety.

D I A M O N D S

— AND —

D I A M O N D J E W E L L E R Y, A Splendid Collection of the Latest London PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

## To-day's Advertisements.

## NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND SURABAYA.

The Co.'s Chartered Steamship

Duke of Buckingham,

Capt. BURNSIDE, will be despatched as above on or about the 6th of September.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 31, 1888. 1451

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

## PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF PEKING will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 13th September, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japanese Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany, by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Firs-class Fares granted as follows:—

To San Francisco, \$200.00

To San Francisco and return, } 350.00

available for 6 months ... } 325.00

To Liverpool ..... 330.00

To London ..... 330.00

To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before noon to-morrow.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining unclaimed after the 7th Proxime will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriters on or before the 7th Proxime, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 31, 1888. 1455

## To-day's Advertisements.

## IMPAIRED VISION.

## LAWRENCE &amp; MAYO'S PERFECT EYES.



Are clear, cool, & preserving to the sight.

M. R. LAWRENCE'S VISIT TO HONGKONG WILL TERMINATE ON THE 21ST SEPTEMBER.

HONGKONG HOTEL

(Room No. 20), August 31, 1888. 1232

## CONSULTATIONS FREE.

## SPECTACLES VS. BLINDNESS.

VISION is justly described as the most important of our senses, and its loss is regarded as one of the greatest afflictions to which mankind is subject.

It is, therefore, of paramount importance that we should carefully use our sight whilst perfect, and that when, unfortunately, the hold of Spectacles is felt to be necessary, the utmost care should be taken in the selection of them.

The late eminent Optician, Dr. Seiberg Wells, testified that he had no hesitation in stating that the haphazard plan of selecting Spectacles employed by some Opticians was frequently attended by serious consequences; that eyes were often permanently injured, which might, by skilful adaptation of glasses, have been preserved for years.

S. R. THOM, Esq., F.R.G.S., Barrister-at-Law, Singapore,

writes:

I have used Glasses for twenty years, and have no hesitation in saying that, those supplied by me are the best I have ever worn. I wear them with much satisfaction and comfort, and find the frames are especially convenient.

To Messrs. LAWRENCE & MAYO, Hotel D'Europe, Singapore.

LAWRENCE & MAYO, OPTICAL OPTICIANS, (Opticians to the Principal Ophthalmic Surgeons in England and India) OFFICES—Old Bond Street, LONDON, 3 & 4, Hard Street, CALCUTTA, 22, Rampart Row, BOMBAY.

JAPANESE BEER.

FROM THE JAPAN BREWERY CO., LTD., YOKOHAMA.

In Cases of 1-doz. Quarts, \$9.00.

FOR SALE

BY LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 31, 1888. 1452

## NOTICE.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SULZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

London, Havre, BORDEAUX, DUNKIRK AND ANTWERP.

ON THURSDAY, the 13th September, 1888, at Noon, the Company's Steamship OXUS, Commandant GUERIN with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 4 p.m. on the 12th September, 1888. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be sent to the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, August 31, 1888. 1454

## SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE.

## FOR STRAITS, COLOMBO &amp; BOMBAY.

Per Kashgar, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 1st September, instead of as previously notified.

## FOOCHOW.

Per Foochow, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 1st September.

## YOKOHAMA &amp; KOBE.

Per Yokoima, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 1st September.

## AMOY &amp; MANILA.

Per Zafiro, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 1st September.

## SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOOCHOW.

Per Haikou, at 8.30 a.m., on Sunday, the 2nd September.

## SWATOW &amp; BANGKOK.

Per Tai-chow, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 2nd September.

## STRaits &amp; CALCUTTA.

Per Aravon Apac, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 5th September.

## SINGAPORE.

Per Heresia, at 9.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 6th September.

## M A I L S

BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Belgic* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 8th September, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 P.M. Registry ceases.

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

## MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet *Catseye* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 12th Sept., with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, vid *Adriatic*, to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands Indies, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta

The following paragraph occurs in the report of the Colombo Hotel Company.—An extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of this Company was held on 13th April last, to take into consideration a proposal to purchase this Company's property, for the sum of Rs. 225,000, and a resolution agreeing to sell the property for this sum, was passed by the Shareholders. In framing the resolution, no specific date was named for the purchase, as it was felt that circumstances might occur to prevent the details of such a large undertaking being settled within a limited time, but it was stipulated by the Board, that the purchase should be completed by 30th June last. This, however, the intending purchasers have found it impossible to accomplish, and an extension of time has been granted by the Board, who have, however, stipulated that a sum of R75 per share should be paid in addition to the purchase money of Rs25,000, for each day that an instalment of the purchase money remained unpaid after the 15th June last, the date named by the Board for the payment of the first instalment.

With reference to the Router's telegram which we publish to-day about the uneasiness which the movements of the French and Italian fleets are giving rise to, the following paragraph from the *Ocean Mail* has a significant bearing:—The relations between France and Italy have been by no means cordial of late, as the existing Tariff shows. There have been unpleasing exchanges of ill-natured criticisms between the journals of the two countries, and a somewhat little frontier incident, and another not agreeable episode occurs in connection with President Garibaldi's tour. This latter incident, according to the Paris correspondent of the Standard, "has been noticed with particular interest as denoting the existence of a certain coolness with Italy." Chamberlain being close to the frontier, it is suggested that the fact of King Humbert not having sent an Aide-de-Camp to compliment the President is a departure from the usual etiquette. It is also said that the President received with marked coldness the greetings of the Italian Consul. This is not all. There is a distinct friction between the two Governments with regard to a claim of the French Consul at Massowah, in virtue of the capitulations, to exercise certain rights in favour of those who are under French protection there. Italy claims at Massowah "full sovereign rights," among others that of imposing municipal taxes on foreign residents. The French deny this claim, and the *Riforma* of July 25 states that the Italian Commander-in-Chief has declined further intercourse with the French Consular agent. It is evident that the position is a delicate one, and in the present temper of the two nations might bring on a serious misunderstanding.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB  
AQUATIC SPORTS.

The annual aquatic sports under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club commenced this afternoon. Messrs F. Grimble and J. Sampson were umpires, Major Ellis, referee, Lieut. H. C. Metcalfe, starter, and Mr G. Turner, official time-keeper. All the events were well contested, the competitions in the majority of cases being very keen. There was as usual a large turnout of spectators. The following are the results of the competition:—

FIRST DAY.  
Friday, 31st August, 1888.

OFFICERS.

Umpires—Monro Grimble and J. Sampson.  
Referee—Major Ellis.  
Starter—Lieut. H. E. Metcalfe.

Official Time-keeper—Mr G. Turner.

1.—DIVING FOR OBJECTS, (9 entrants.)  
J. C. Saunders . . . . . 1  
F. Shepherd . . . . . 2  
M. Frederick . . . . . 3

2.—RUNNING HEADER FROM CROSS SPRING BOARD, (9 entrants.)  
F. W. White . . . . . 1  
Fritz Lammet . . . . . 2

3.—BOYS' RACE, (2 lengths.) Handicap.  
(9 entrants.)  
E. A. Lummett . . . . . 1  
W. Stapani . . . . . 2

Time, 83 sec.

4.—SHOOT RACE, (2 lengths.) Open.  
F. Shepherd . . . . . 1  
J. Richardson . . . . . 2  
T. Lammett . . . . . 3

Time, 713 sec.

5.—HEADER FROM STAGE, (6 entrants.)  
M. Frederick . . . . . 1  
F. W. White . . . . . 2  
F. Lammett . . . . . 3

6.—LONG RACE, (Round the Red Buoy and back.) Handicap. (9 entrants.)  
J. C. Saunders . . . . . 1  
A. da Mello . . . . . 2

Time, 7m. 152 sec.

7.—HURDLE RACE, Handicap. (10 entrants.)  
Ch. Kew . . . . . 1  
F. Grimble . . . . . 2

Time, 802 sec.

8.—TOE OF WAR, (10 Big Boys v. 20 Small Boys,) Won by Big Boys.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## BUREAUCRACY, BEGGARS AND BONFIRES.

To the Editor of the CHINA MAIL,  
Hongkong, 31st August, 1888.

Sir,—I was astonished last night to find you come forward and defend the silly charge made by the *Daily Press* against the Governor. His Excellency clearly showed in his reply to the Hon. B. Layton that the statements made by your contemporary were only half truths; and it turned out, as it nearly always does, that half truths are more misleading than whole falsehoods. What are the real facts of the case?

A serious disease is spreading with alarming rapidity in the Gaol. The Governor of the Gaol represents to His Excellency that the beggars sent to prison are invariably in a much more fit condition as to render them a serious danger to the health of the place. Here was cause for prompt action, and where red-tape formalities would have been foolish. His Excellency brushed aside and issued an order to the police not to prosecute beggars. A high and dry functionary or sister-of-the-law worshipper might not have done this; but every sensible man would have taken this step. At the same time as he issues this order he begins to make arrangements with the police for repatriating the beggars. When the danger in the Gaol is over he recalls the order; but in the meantime the repatriating of the beggars has been going on, and His Excellency gives instructions that this system of dealing with the nuisance—by far the best one—be continued, and that the Gaol be no more crowded with beggars.

After the whole thing is finished your contemporary bursts out with revelations, in which facts are sadly mixed up with falsehoods. And you actually go and support him! I do not think there can be two opinions in the minds of right-thinking men in the Colony. The Governor could not have acted better, and may be long continue to subordinate bureaucratic formalities to common sense and justice. He has showed himself to be something

## THE HOLLYWOOD ROAD ARSON CASE.

Mr Wadehouse heard further evidence in the Police Court to-day in connection with the charge against Chang Chi, accountant, Choi Kai, cook, and Tong Yung, shop-coolie, who are alleged to have set fire to the shop No. 88 Hollywood Road. Mr Stokes appeared on behalf of the Straits Fire Insurance Co., and Mr Weston for the Chinese.

Mr Stokes asked whether His Worship would now decide the application for joining this case with the case in which Li Ayuk, the master of the shop, is defendant.

His Worship said he had thought over the matter and had decided that it would be better to keep the two cases separate.

Tsing Amun, undertaker, examined by Mr Stokes, said—I live at number 88 Hollywood Road, next door to the Kut Fung. On the morning of the 19th instant I was sleeping outside my shop. About three o'clock I heard the Hung San boy cry out,

"Fire." I called out: "Kut Fung on fire. I saw smoke coming out from the shop. I saw the second and third defendant come out of the shop. They did not call me."

The first defendant came out immediately after the other two. He led me under his arm. I called out to the Hung San boy to arrest him. When he took hold of him the other two defendants came back and pushed away the Hung San boy. After rescuing the first defendant, they all ran in the direction of the Man Mo temple. I saw fire in the Kut Fung under the shop where the candles are kept. I was then standing inside the shop about four feet from the door. I noticed a strong smell of kerosene and I saw kerosene running all over the place. I put my hand down and smelt it. I saw a kerosene lamp on the counter but it was not lighted. It was at the place where the accountant generally writes. I was going to try to put the fire out, but the boy said to me it was too big and so I came away. I knew the Kut Fung well, having been in the habit of going there to make purchases. The accountant sleeps in the shop and the third defendant also sleeps there. The third defendant's bed was placed just inside the door. I was in the shop the night before the fire. I saw no sign of any bed then. I had known the Kut Fung for more than two years. The business of the shop was very dull of late. There used to be rice-pounds in the shop, but about twenty days ago they ceased to employ them. People very seldom went to the shop to make the purchases; they went chiefly to the Wing Ching shop. There was not much good in the shop of late. I should say there was not more than about \$200 worth of goods in the place. The stock I saw two days before the fire was much less than they used to have. Since the month of June this year the stock was lessened.

Such interference on behalf of the Chinese is apparently pool-poohed by the *Daily Press* as silly sentimentalism. You say the Chinese are keen to watch such concoctions so that even when interference may be not unjustifiable, it is more calculated to do evil than good. The logic of this argument is that the Governor ought to have allowed the bogies to rot in Gaol and contaminate their fellow prisoners, and should have permitted the police to suppress a religious ceremony, whether dangerous or not, because an imperfect law gave, or was about to give, them powers worthy of the Inquisition of Spain. Extended to its ultimate conclusions your reasoning would prove that no concessions at all ought to be granted, that injustice should be allowed full course, for fear the people should ask more than what is right. Such have been the arguments of the most inveterate enemies of liberty and pro res since the world began. A Parisian mob interdicts liberty as meaning anarchy, and consequently, it is argued, liberty must be refused to all peoples. The great point to consider is not—concessions just? If they are, they ought to be granted. I was not in the Colony when Governor Hennessy was here and cannot speak personally as to his doings. I believe he often was regardless of the means by which he attained his ends. But because he may have abused the prerogatives of Governor is no argument why Governor des Vaux should not be the progressive in an eminent just manner. The great science of governing is to be just and to be merciful when to be just and to be merciful. Governor des Vaux has shown that he meant to be merciful, and I have no doubt he will be just and severe when the occasion demands.

—What do you think was the origin of the fire?

Mr Weston objected to the question. His Worship overruled the objection. A.—I don't know.

Q.—From what you saw, are you able to form an opinion as to how the fire occurred?

Mr Weston objected to the question.

H. E. Worship overruled the objection.

A.—I don't know; the shop was already on fire when I saw it. The fire could not have been by accident because there was kerosene all over the floor. Besides, the kiosks did not call out when the place was on fire; the beds were not there and the shop was closed earlier than usual. All these are particular reasons for my thinking that the fire was not accidental. I did not see anything under the candle shelf to cause the fire. There was nothing there but some firewood.

By the Court.—The firewood I saw under the shelf was all blazing. The firewood was loose. It was usually kept in a basket outside the shop. I have seen some loose firewood under the candle shelf before. There was kerosene on the wood that was burning and kerosene was running fast in that place. The wood appeared to be soaked with it. There was no fire in any other part of the shop. The firewood was all in confusion as if it had been thrown there, not as if it were stored there. There was nothing to suggest how the fire had begun.

By Mr Weston.—I knew the Hung Shan boy because he always slept outside the Kut Fung. He speaks the Hung Shan dialect and the people in the street call him the Hung Shan boy. The only light in the shop when I went in was that from the fire. The pile of firewood was eight or nine inches in height and about two inches in width. The Hung Shan boy told me what he had seen the defendants doing in the shop that morning. About two o'clock on the morning of the 19th I went outside my shop to cool myself. I then saw the Hung Shan boy sitting on his mat in front of the Kut Fung.

By Mr Stokes.—I noticed that there was a crack in the door of the Kut Fung shop. One could see through it.

2.—Did you ever hear of a case in which the Kut Fung shop had given short measure?

Mr Weston objected to the question on the ground that the answer could not be of the court, as he had already said he had never got short measure himself.

His Worship overruled the objection.

The witness—I never heard of such a case.

Leng Antong said—I am accountant in the shop No. 88 Hollywood Road, next door to the Kut Fung. On the morning of the 19th I heard some one outside call out "Fire" and I got up and went out. I saw the Hung Shan boy struggling with a man at the door of the Kut Fung. I went into the shop to try and put the fire out. [Here the witness described the appearance of the fire in terms substantially the same as those used by the previous witness.] The Kut Fung business fell off latterly, especially since the Wing Ching shop opened. There was a very small stock in the shop before the fire. Its value was about \$200. It could not possibly be worth more than \$400.

The case was remanded till Monday afternoon at 3.30. Bail was fixed for the first defendant at \$250 and for the other two at \$150 each.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

COLLISION.—THE NORDEN (s) v. H.M.S. ESPION.

The following is the full text of the judgment of which we referred last night:—

(Present—Lord Macnaghten, Sir Barnes Peacock, Sir James Hannen, and Sir Richard Coupland, July 21.)

This was an appeal from a judgment of Sir George Phillips, judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court of Hongkong, Feb. 3, 1887, in torts suits instituted by the owner of the steamer *Norden* (the appellant) and Lieutenant Adams, R.N., commanding the Majesty's ship *Espion*, respectively to recover damages for a collision which occurred between those vessels on the evening of Nov. 3, 1886, in the Canton river.

The learned judge, who was assisted by Captain Thomsett, R.N., as assessor, pronounced the *Norden* alone to blame for the collision and decreed accordingly.

Sir Walter Philimore, Q.C., and Mr H. Stokes, ward counsel of the appellant; Sir J. P. D. C. O. C., Mr Stavely Hall, Q.C., and Mr A. T. Lawrence, respondent.

Sir James Hannen, in delivering their Lordships' judgment, said the damage to the *Norden* was on Nov. 3, 1886, a voyage down the Canton river.

It was alleged on her behalf that about six miles seven or eight miles above Tiger Island, well over her starboard side of the channel, going about nine-and-a-half knots, steering S.E. 3° E. by compass. At about half past six o'clock the masthead light of a steamer which turned out to be the *Espion*, was sighted near her.

The *Espion* was sighted near her in the dark, and she became aware of the name of the steamer.

She understood that the *Espion* was bound for the *Norden*.

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He was assisted by Captain Thomsett, R.N., as assessor, and he was of the opinion that the *Norden* alone was to blame for the collision and decreed accordingly.

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Sir James Hannen, in delivering their Lordships' judgment, said the steamer *Norden* was on Nov. 3, 1886, in a "Piedmontian sea," and everyone understood that everyone else is doing so, the questions regarding are not those of veracity, but method.

No extended experience of the Chinese is required to enable a foreigner to arrive at the conclusion that it is impossible from merely hearing what a Chinese says to tell what he means. This continues to be true, in my opinion, of the *Espion*.

Everyone who has been on board the *Espion* will understand that the Chinese are not very good at telling the truth, but they are not necessarily bad. They do not care about the meaning of what they say, and they do not care about the meaning of what they do. They do not care about the meaning of what they say, and they do not care about the meaning of what they do. They do not care about the meaning of what they say, and they do not care about the meaning of what they do. They do not care about the meaning of what they say, and they do not care about the meaning of what they do. They do

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